

approached include: Fin (*Balaenoptera physalus*), gray (*Eschrichtius robustus*), humpback (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), and minke (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*) whales. Up to 21 additional cetacean species may be taken if opportunistically encountered (see permit take table). Up to 100 takes whales of each killer whale stock and up to 400 individuals of each of the other species may be taken annually. Five pinniped species may be unintentionally harassed during research activities. The permit would be for 5 years.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: March 3, 2022.

**Julia M. Harrison,**

*Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XB853]

#### Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will hold a one day in-person and virtual meeting (hybrid) of its Shrimp Advisory Panel (AP).

**DATES:** The meeting will convene Tuesday, March 29, 2022, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., EST. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** Those who prefer to attend the meeting in-person may do so at the Gulf Council office. If you are unable or do not wish to travel, you may participate in the meeting via webinar. Registration information will be

available on the Council's website by visiting [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) and clicking on the Shrimp AP meeting on the calendar.

**Council address:** Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 4107 W Spruce Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Matt Freeman, Economist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; [matt.freeman@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:matt.freeman@gulfcouncil.org); telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following items are on the agenda, though agenda items may be addressed out of order (changes will be noted on the Council's website when possible.)

**Tuesday, March 29, 2022; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. EST (7:30 a.m.–4 p.m. CST)**

Meeting will begin with Adoption of Agenda, Approval of Minutes from December 7–8, 2021 meeting, and Scope of Work. The AP will review Council Actions in Response to Motions from the December 2021 Shrimp AP Meeting and January 2022 Council Meeting Motions.

The AP will receive updates on the Council Request for Proposal (RFP) to Address Expanded Sampling of the Fleet for Effort Monitoring in the Gulf Shrimp Industry and on the Plan for Pilot Testing of Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Units on Gulf Shrimp Vessels, and then review the National Marine Fisheries Services' (NMFS) Evaluation of Draft Approval Specifications for Reinstating Historical cELB Program.

The AP will review the Draft Shrimp Framework Action, followed by updates on the NMFS Shrimp Working Groups, on the development of brown and white shrimp empirical dynamic models (EDM) including related motions from the SSC Meeting in March 2022, and on the Gulf of Mexico Atlantis ecosystem model development and the intention to use the peer-reviewed model for shrimp simulations and strategic management advice.

The AP will review the 2020 Gulf Shrimp Fishery Effort and Landings and then receive an update on the Number of Active Gulf Shrimp Permits, Economic Estimates, Royal Red Landings, and 2020 Royal Red Index.

The AP will discuss the Biological Review of the Texas Closure and receive updates on Sea Turtle Take and TED Compliance and on the Publication of Gulf of Mexico Aquaculture Opportunity Areas' Notice of Intent.

Lastly, the AP will receive any public testimony and discuss other business items. Meeting Adjourns—

The in-person meeting will be broadcast via webinar. You may register by visiting [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) and clicking on the Shrimp Advisory Panel meeting on the calendar.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) as they become available.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Advisory Panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid or accommodations should be directed to Kathy Pereira, [kathy.pereira@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:kathy.pereira@gulfcouncil.org), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: March 4, 2022.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XB857]

#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will convene a webinar meeting of its Groundfish Management Team (GMT) to discuss items on the Pacific Council's April 2022 meeting agenda. This meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The online meeting will be held on Friday, March 25, 2022, from 1 p.m.

to 4 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time. The scheduled ending time for this GMT meeting is an estimate, the meeting will adjourn when business for the day is completed.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held online. Specific meeting information, including directions on how to join the meeting and system requirements will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council's website (see [www.pcouncil.org](http://www.pcouncil.org)). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt ([kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov)) or contact him at (503) 820-2412 for technical assistance.

**Council address:** Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Todd Phillips, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2426.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The primary purpose of the GMT webinar is to prepare for the Pacific Council's April 2022 agenda items. The GMT will discuss items related to groundfish management and administrative matters on the Pacific Council's agenda. The GMT may also address other assignments relating to groundfish management. No management actions will be decided by the GMT. A detailed agenda for the webinar will be available on the Pacific Council's website prior to the meeting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act,

provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt ([kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov); (503) 820-2412) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: March 4, 2022.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XB869]

##### Research Track Assessment for Northern Shortfin Squid and Butterfish

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS will convene the Research Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting for the purpose of reviewing northern shortfin squid and butterfish stocks. The Research Track Assessment Peer Review is a formal scientific peer-review process for evaluating and presenting stock assessment results to managers for fish stocks in the offshore U.S. waters of the northwest Atlantic. Assessments are prepared by the research track working group and reviewed by an independent panel of stock assessment experts from the

Center of Independent Experts (CIE). The public is invited to attend the presentations and discussions between the review panel and the scientists who have participated in the stock assessment process.

**DATES:** The public portion of the Research Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting will be held from March 7, 2022–March 11, 2022. The meeting will conclude on March 11, 2022 at 6 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the daily meeting agenda.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via WebEx.

**Link:** <https://noaanmfs-meets.webex.com/noaanmfs-meets/j.php?MTID=m8a1062743b689f38d340622b4c9367ff>.

**Meeting number (access code):** 2761 523 2146.

**Meeting password:** vNhr8Y75tBu.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michele Traver, phone: 508-257-1642; email: [michele.traver@noaa.gov](mailto:michele.traver@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For further information, please visit the Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/fishery-stock-assessments-new-england-and-mid-atlantic>. For additional information about research track assessment peer review, please visit the NEFSC web page at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/research-track-stock-assessments>.

##### Daily Meeting Agenda—Research Track Peer Review Meeting

The agenda is subject to change; all times are approximate and may be changed at the discretion of the Peer Review Chair.

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)	Notes
12 p.m.–12:15 p.m. ....	Welcome/Logistics Introductions/ Agenda/Conduct of Meeting.	Michele Traver, Assessment Process Lead.	
12:15 p.m.–1:45 p.m. ....	Butterfish ..... Terms of Reference (TORs) #1 and A1.	Russ Brown, PopDy Branch Chief. Mike Wilberg, Panel Chair. Charles Adams, Andrew Jones, Jason Didden, Tori Kentner.	Life history Catch Spatial Distribution Industry Perspective and Outreach Aging.
1:45 p.m.–3 p.m. ....	TORs #2 and A2 .....	Charles Adams, Laurel Smith, Rob Vincent.	Survey Data Consumptive Removals.
3 p.m.–3:10 p.m. ....	Break.		
3:10 p.m.–4:40 p.m. ....	TOR #3 .....	Charles Adams .....	F, R, SSB Productivity. BRPs
4:40 p.m.–5:30 p.m. ....	TORs #4 and A1 .....	Charles Adams, Laurel Smith .....	
5:30 p.m.–5:50 p.m. ....	Discussion/Summary .....	Review Panel.	
5:50 p.m.–6 p.m. ....	Public Comment .....	Public.	
6 p.m. ....	Adjourn.		